



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the May 17, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A spread illuminating apparatus comprising: a transparent substrate made of a light transmissible material and disposed over a screen of a reflection-type liquid crystal display element; and a bar-like light source composed of a light conductive member made of a transparent material and disposed close to and along at least one end face of said transparent substrate, and a spot-like light source disposed on an electric wiring board, wherein a light guiding member guiding light is provided between an end of said light conductive member and said spot-like light source.

Please add new claim 8 as follows:

--8. A spread illuminating apparatus having a bar-like light source disposed in the vicinity of an end surface of a transparent substrate made of a light transmissible material,